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Dear Interested Party

The Ferron/Price Ranger District, Manti LaSal National Forest is evaluating the possible environmental effects of a proposal from Energy West (PacifiCorp) to conduct a helicopter-assisted coal exploratory drilling on Utah Coal Lease ML-48258 in Emery County, Utah. Drilling is proposed during the 2003 field season (July 15th – October 1st). The project would consist of five holes in Crandall Canyon, Mill Fork Canyon, and Joes Valley area in Sections 12, 15, T. 16 S., R. 6 E., and Sections 6, 7, T. 16 S., R. 7 E., SLBM (See attached map). Three of the five proposed locations were permitted during the 2002.

The purpose of the drilling is to provide information necessary to evaluate coal seam thickness and characterize the geology of the area's coal reserves. Drilling would occur on lands in which the surface is administered by the United States Forest Service and the coal estate by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA).

The project lies within the East Mountain Inventoried Roadless area; however, no new roads are proposed. Surface disturbances would be minimal (<100 sq ft) per site and would be reclaimed per Forest Service specification upon completion. Since the project, as proposed would have minimal disturbances to land and resources, it is anticipated this may be categorical excluded from further NEPA analysis (EA or EIS) under category 31.2(3), Forest Service Handbook, 1909.15.

Comments are invited on this proposal. To ensure consideration, comments should be sent to Tom Lloyd, Ferron/Price Ranger District, Manti LaSal National Forest, Box 310, Ferron, Utah 84523 by April 4, 2003. To obtain further information about this project, contact Tom Lloyd at (435) 384-2372. If you choose to participate, please make your comments as specific as possible. All received comments will be considered. Comments received, including names and addresses, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

Sincerely,

Tom Lloyd

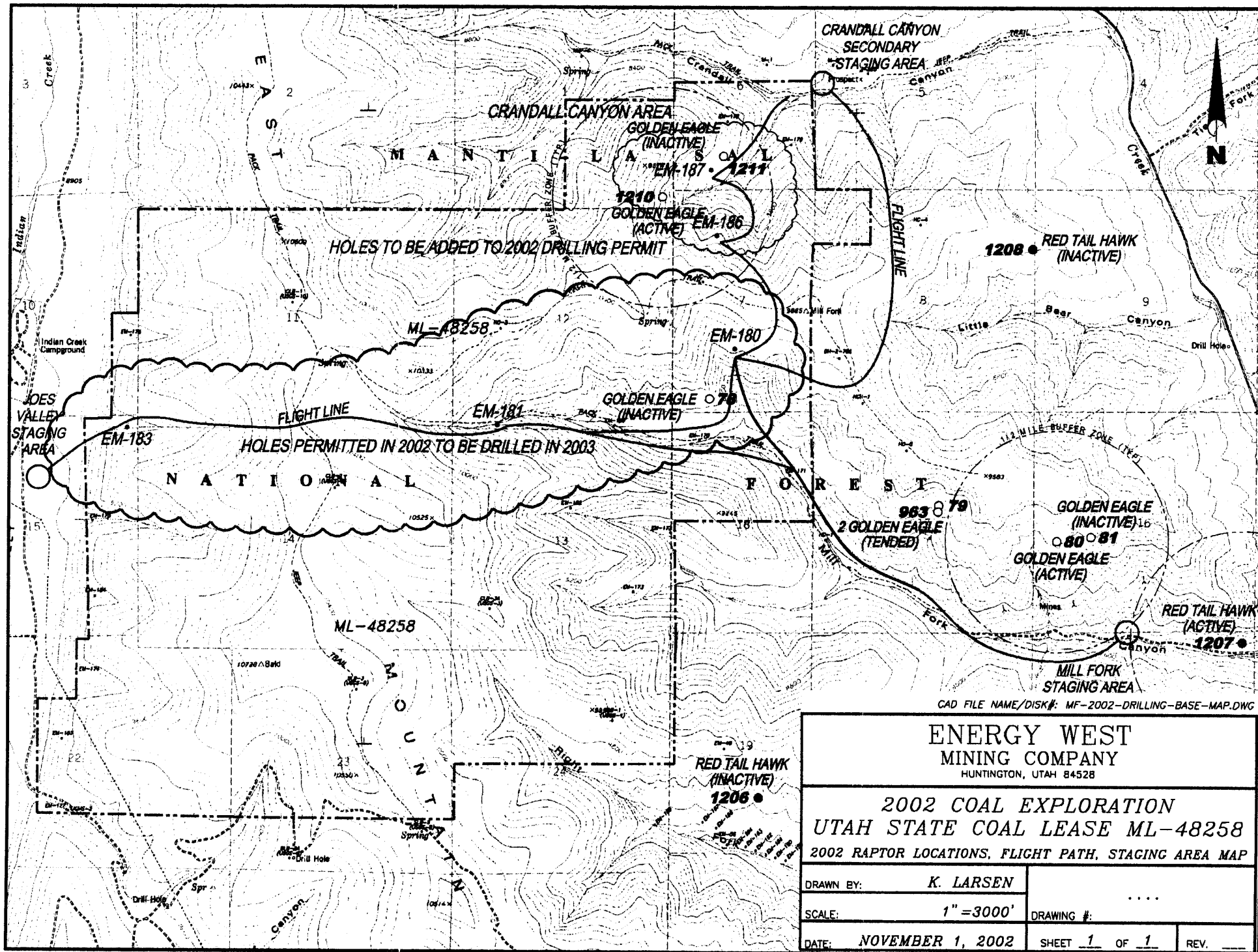
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2002 COAL EXPLORATION
UTAH STATE COAL LEASE ML-48258
2002 RAPTOR LOCATIONS, FLIGHT PATH, STAGING AREA MAP

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